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FALL RIVER, MASS.**Tuberculosis Dispensary—Regulations Governing. (Reg. Bd. of H., May 9, 1916.)**

SECTION 1. The dispensary shall consist of two services, to be known, respectively, as (a) the medical and (b) visiting service.

SEC. 2. The medical service shall be under the direction of a physician and shall be conducted by him with such assistants and substitutes as may from time to time be appointed. The dispensary physician shall promptly attend all tuberculosis medical clinics at the dispensary building at the appointed hours and shall also visit patients at their homes whenever their condition is such as to require his services. Such clinics shall be open at 7 p. m. on Wednesdays and 11 a. m. on Saturdays, except holidays. Patients present at the clinics prior to the hours of 7.30 and 11.30, respectively, shall be entitled to examination before the close of the clinic; otherwise, their examinations may be postponed to a future date. All persons presenting themselves at the clinics shall be entitled to free examination and diagnosis and to free treatment thereafter unless it is apparent that they are financially capable of providing proper treatment at their own expense; and whenever a positive diagnosis is made of tuberculosis, the patient shall be entered and recorded as a dispensary patient, and the case reported to the board of health.

SEC. 3. If for any reason the physician or nurse is unable to attend the medical clinics at the appointed hour, the superintendent of municipal hospitals shall be notified; and if for any reason they are unable to attend patients at their homes when required, the board of health shall be notified; both notices to be given in time to provide proper substitutes. The superintendent of hospitals or the agent of the board of health, as the case may be, shall thereupon provide a substitute physician or nurse from a list approved by both boards.

SEC. 4. The attending physician shall make such investigation and examination of all persons coming to his attention as is necessary to determine whether or not such person is afflicted with tuberculosis, and, if the result of the diagnosis is positive, shall determine the stage of the disease. He shall record, or cause to be recorded, the results of such investigation and diagnosis upon the form provided for that purpose, together with all subsequent clinical records concerning the condition or treatment of the patient, and shall see that a proper record is made whenever the patient is discharged from the dispensary for any cause.

SEC. 5. The attending physician shall see that all patients examined by him with any probability of tuberculosis shall have a sputum examination; and in such cases in the event of a negative sputum, there shall be at least three successive examinations. If there are such examinations and sputum is still negative in any suspicious case, a dispensary physician or nurse shall personally collect a sample or samples from the patient and cause the same to be examined. All specimens must be presented promptly to the laboratory of the board of health and not later than 48 hours [sic] after their collection.

SEC. 6. Diseases other than tuberculosis discovered at the dispensary if dangerous to the public health shall be immediately reported to the board of health; other diseases shall be reported to the superintendent of hospitals.

SEC. 7. The dispensary nurse shall attend all tuberculosis clinics and render such assistance as may be required by the attending physician in the preparation, examination, and treatment of the patient. Whenever a person is admitted as a dispensary patient, the nurse shall visit the home of such patient, shall investigate all conditions affecting the health of the patient in the home or methods of life, shall aid and instruct the patient as to personal conduct and home conditions, and shall see that the conduct of such patient is such as not to endanger the patient or persons with whom the patient comes in contact. She shall continue such supervision and instruction until the

patient is discharged from the dispensary or until other proper care and supervision is provided satisfactory to the board of health.

She shall record on the form provided for that purpose, to be filed at the dispensary office, the information indicated therein with regard to the first visit; and on subsequent visits shall, at the time of the visit, record in a loose-leaf book, provided for that purpose, all conditions observed by her and all acts done by her affecting the patient with relation to the disease.

Whenever a patient dies, removes from the city, is transferred to a hospital, or for any other cause is no longer under the supervision of the nurse, she shall record the fact upon the card filed at the dispensary office.

In addition to her nursing duties she shall, by advice, counsel, and a general interest in the welfare of the patient and the conduct of the home, endeavor to maintain the public safety and improve or alleviate the condition of the patient.

SEC. 8. Nursing clinics may be established from time to time at the dispensary office, at such hours as may be approved by the board of hospital trustees and the board of health, for the purpose of investigating the condition and conduct of the patient and giving such instruction and advice as may be indicated. Whenever so required by the nurse, patients shall visit the dispensary office for the purpose of attending either the medical or nursing clinics or obtaining supplies.

SEC. 9. A clerk shall be in attendance at the dispensary office daily, except holidays, Sundays, and Saturdays, from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 5 p. m.; on Saturdays from 5 to 6 p. m.; and on Wednesdays at 7 p. m. during which hours the dispensary shall be open to tuberculosis patients for purposes of information or obtaining supplies.

SEC. 10. The clerk shall see that all records are properly filled out and filed, including the physician's and nurse's records, and shall keep a general card index arranged alphabetically, a street index, and all notices or correspondence relating to the patient. These latter shall be filed in a folder containing the physician's and nurse's records, numbered and referred to by the card index.

On the index card shall be recorded the name, age, residence, and occupation of the patient, the date of admission, the diagnosis, and the date and cause of discharge.

In case of the removal of a patient to another city or town, the clerk shall, on notification thereof, forward to the board of health of such city or town information of the removal on a form provided for that purpose.

The clerk shall prepare and forward to the proper authorities such reports and information as may be from time to time required, including monthly reports to the State department of health and the superintendent of hospitals, as indicated on forms provided for that purpose.

Whenever requested by the attending physician, the clerk shall obtain and record the personal and family history of an applicant for examination.

SEC. 11. All tuberculosis cases discharged from the local hospital or State tuberculosis sanatoria shall be considered and recorded as dispensary cases, and such supervision maintained over them as may be indicated.

SEC. 12. The service of the dispensary building shall be under the general supervision of the board of trustees of municipal hospitals and dispensaries, acting through its superintendent. All other service shall be under the general supervision and control of the board of health.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Meat and Meat Products—Sale of—Slaughterhouses—Location, Construction, and Maintenance. (Ord. N-64, Apr. 6, 1916.)

SECTION 1. From and after October 15, 1916, no person shall sell or offer for sale or have on hand for the purpose of sale within the city of Jacksonville any meat or meat food product unless the same has been passed and bears the stamp of inspection provided for by the laws of the United States of America governing interstate shipments